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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 11, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding (arrived 7:40 p.m.), Schaefer

Absent: Koehn

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the August 28, 2006 minutes and the minutes of the September 5, 2006 Special meeting. Motion so passed.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Haddad encouraged the Council to remember the language that was originally approved for the moment of silence. "Moment of silence to observe all US and allied military personnel killed in Iraq, Afghanistan or supporting US Military strategy elsewhere."

Ms. Blair expressed interest in extending the wording to include all those serving in the military.

Mr. Schaefer noted that individual Council members should do what they want as it is an intensely private act.

Mayor Paterson will return to the original language until the Council decides differently.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No Comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fenton River

No action

2. Community/Campus Relations

Mayor Paterson reported that during the last weekend there were two serious events in town, a hit and run accident on Hunting Lodge Road and the threatening use of a firearm at Knollwood Acres. She noted that the Police are working overtime and are stretched thin. The Mayor is convening a meeting of

interested parties to discuss possible solutions.

Mr. Schaefer asked the Town Manager to investigate whether or not some of the previously owned UConn houses on Hillside Circle have a provision in the deed that states that they must be owner occupied. If this is true Mr. Schaefer requested that the UConn Board of Trustees be encouraged to enforce the provision.

3. Open Space Acquisition – Meadowbrook Lane LLC Property on Puddin Lane

The Town Manager reported that the property will be appraised and then be considered by the Council.

4. \$200,000 Community Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project; \$1,000,000 Land Acquisition Program; \$3,800,000 Middle School Electrical Heating System Conversion Project.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective September 11, 2006, to refer the \$200,000 Community Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project, the \$1,000,000 Land Acquisition Program and the \$3,800,000 Middle School Electrical Conversion Project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
Motion so passed.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2006

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective September 11, 2006, to refer the Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2006 to the Finance Committee.
Motion so passed.

6. Proposed Tree Removal on Summit Road

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective September 11, 2006, to authorize pursuant to the provisions of Mansfield's Scenic Road Ordinance the removal of a wild cherry tree adjacent to the Stowell driveway at 21 Summit Road.
Motion so passed.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mr. Paulhus reported that citizens at the Know Your Town Fair commented favorably

on the brochure prepared by staff outlining the referenda questions.

Mr. Schaefer reported that in a study of students who applied to UConn and 5 other schools one of the biggest drawbacks for UConn is that it is isolated and students feel that there is nothing to do. He noted that this type of information is galvanizing University support for the Downtown Partnership.

Mayor Paterson reminded members that this weekend is the Festival on the Green and Celebrate Mansfield, commencing with fireworks on Saturday evening.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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At the October 3, 2006 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, UConn personnel will be there to update the Commission on water supply issues.

On September 18, 2006 there will be a joint meeting of the Board of Education, the Building Committee and the Town Council

The Charter Revision will meet on September 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Campus Community Partnership will meet on September 13, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

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XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

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XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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7. R. Miller re: Four Corners Area Drinking water Well Monitoring Update
8. J. O'Keefe re: Mansfield Community Center Annual Maintenance Week
9. g. Padick re: an Act Concerning Notice Requirements for Land Use Applications
10. G. Padick re: July 1, 2006 Mansfield Population Estimate

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion so passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk